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1. On six days during the period from 12 October to 6 November 1953, source entered Doeberitz airfield and determined that no aircraft were stationed there and that the field was still unoccupied. Only the AA gun emplacement at the southwestern edge was occupied by six AA guns. The operating personnel of these guns were quartered in nearby earth bunkers. Individual soldiers were observed in the barracks installation formerly occupied by air force personnel. At about 3:30 p.m. on 6 November, 30 to 35 soldiers, apparently newly arrived personnel, were observed sweeping the road. The soldiers wore low [redacted] cloth shoes and belts of fabric. On a drive to the field, [redacted] (fnu), Captain Troshka (fnu) and Captain Vadriyov (fnu) on Highway No 103 [redacted]

2. [redacted] four soldiers of Unit Kazavitski returned to Doeberitz from Brandenburg-Briest in order to operate the heating installation at the Richthofen Kaserne. [redacted]

3. On 17 October, 26 crates, each 120 x 200 x 300 cm and painted air force blue, were being unloaded from flatcars which had been observed at Dallgow railroad station [redacted] in the morning. The crates had three handles on each [redacted] side, two wooden runners on the bottom, and sheet metal edges. [redacted] The unloading operation was completed about 4:15 p.m. Subsequently, the crates were hauled on trucks [redacted] [redacted] to the artillery equipment park where they were unloaded by means of a crane and then hauled into the western garages on low platform carts. On 22 October, another 20 crates, each 100 x 110 x 200 cm, painted air force blue, with sheet metal edges, four handles at each [redacted] side [redacted] were being unloaded from flatcars. These crates had an aperture with a slide in the upper third of the front.

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At the upper left corner of the crate was a small device for holding papers. The crates were hauled to the artillery equipment park on trucks [redacted]. There were also two boxcars from which aircraft tires, tail wheels and containers were being unloaded. [redacted] 9 containers, each about 60 x 60 x 100 cm, and 8 containers, each 120 x 150 x 200 cm, all of them made of aluminum with rounded-off corners and edges, with an outer cover possibly of rubber. The containers were packed in crates. 2

4. On 18 October, sedan [redacted] with a driver wearing black-bordered blue epaulets and two officers with silver-bordered red epaulets was observed in Elsgrund, coming from the west and proceeding toward Doeberitz airfield. Four railroad tank cars were observed on the spur track to the entrance of the field. During the noon hours on 8 November, the entrance gate to the artillery equipment park in Doeberitz was closed and no sentry was observed there. About 25 soldiers and a truck, [redacted] were observed in the installation.

5. On 6 November, no aircraft were observed at the field. Work was being done in the workshops and the noise of engines was heard from the engine test stand. Major Kraiyevoi (fnu) who wore black-bordered blue epaulets was charged with auditing the bills of the workshops and the AA gun emplacements at the field.3 The quartering buildings on Herolds Platz apparently were heavily occupied. A sentry wearing red-bordered black epaulets and armed with a submachine gun was posted at the entrance gate. Personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets were observed in the barracks area through the wooden gate. [redacted] the installation quartered the AAA unit which was stationed at the field.4 Some soldiers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets were observed crawling through holes in the fence into the area of the former NSKK Kaserne on Highway No 3.

6. On 6 November, 6 and 4 x 37-mm AA guns respectively were observed in the two AA gun emplacements at the field. Personnel were seen leaving the emplacement and entering the hangars nearby. Captain Vasilyev (fnu) was still in charge of the fuel dump, the watchtowers of which were occupied by one sentry each who wore red-bordered black epaulets.

7. On 6 November as in the preceding month, auditor Nushnykh (fnu) was not present in the artillery equipment park. He was replaced by a lieutenant colonel with black-bordered blue epaulets who also audited the bills of the air force barracks installations and the headquarters on Thaelmann Platz. The personnel of the headquarters wore black-bordered blue epaulets. [redacted] the lieutenant colonel was the chief of the air force depot.2

1. [redacted] Comment. Since the transfer of the ground attack regiment to Brandenburg-Priest in May 1953, Doeberitz airfield has been occupied only by AA units and repair shops for jet engines. A detachment of the OATB of the ground attack regiment remained in Doeberitz for the administration and supervision of the quartering buildings most of which were unoccupied. For some time, repair work has been under way at the barracks installations which may indicate an expected re-occupation. According to a previous report, Strausberg airfield was to be vacated by the technical school of the Twenty-Fourth Air Army and two trains, [redacted] were observed moving from Strausberg to Doeberitz. [redacted]

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25X1 2. [redacted] Comment. The former artillery equipment park east of Doeberitz airfield houses an equipment depot of the ground attack corps of the Twenty-Fourth Air Army. The ATD headquarters which is superior to the equipment depot is quartered in buildings probably located on Thaelmann Platz in Elstal. The arrival in the artillery equipment park of crates of various sizes has been continuously observed. It is believed that some of the crates contained aircraft engines. Most of the shipments came from the main supply depot of the Twenty-Fourth Air Army in Strausberg. The arrival of aircraft tanks of

25X1 the described dimensions is reported for the first time. [redacted]
25X1 [redacted] a container measuring 120 x 150 x 200 cm, i.e. a holding capacity of 3,600 liters, is scarcely suitable for aircraft stationed in East Germany. The container could be used as fuselage tank for Il-28s; however, the storage of such tanks in Doeberitz is believed improbable.

25X1 3. [redacted] Comment. Major Kraiyevoi was the supply officer in Falkensee in 1951. He was possibly charged with the administration of the airfield installations at Doeberitz airfield, after the departure of the headquarters of the ground attack corps and the evacuation of the Falkensee restricted area.

25X1 4. [redacted] Comment. The assumption that the AAA units, which are stationed at Doeberitz airfield, are quartered in the billeting buildings on Herolds Platz is believed to be correct.

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